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Honorable Ronnie Abrams
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ROANOKE INS. V. KUEHNE + NAGEL INC.

1:21-CV-10172-RA

Dear Judge Abrams:

We are attorneys representing plaintiff, Roanoke Insurance Groupe, Inc. in the above matter and jointly with counsel for defendant, Kuehne + Nagel, Inc., Andrew R. Spector, Esq., of Spector Rubin. P.A., we refer to the Court's Order and Notice of Initial Conference, entered on December 22, 2021 and the Court's email of today regarding the obligation to provide a joint letter. We apologize for not complying with the Court's December 22, 2021 Order and assure the Court that no disrespect was intended.

The captioned matter is another in a large number of cases arising from an incident involving the container ship ONE APUS, which lost hundreds of containers while on an eastbound voyage from China. Given the number of cases that have been filed in the Southern District of New York, the ONE APUS cases have been transferred to Judge Torres.

Because there are ONE APUS cases filed in a number of Federal District Courts, a motion has been made to the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, seeking a consolidation of the cases in one court. The JPML case is MDL Number 3028. The Panel has not made a determination.

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In light of the fact that the captioned matter arises from the ONE APUS casualty, we respectfully request that the Court stay all proceedings and transfer the matter to Judge Torres' docket. Should the Court require a formal motion, we ask that the Court set a briefing schedule.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.


Respectfully,

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Today's conference is adjourned. The case will be reassigned to Judge Torres, and the parties shall address their request for a stay to her.

SO ORDERED.



Hon. Ronnie Abrams
04/15/22

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